Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1 and 22 have been amended to introduce the phrase "wherein said composition has been extruded", and the concentration of optical brighteners and UV absorbers from claim 10 has been inserted. Claims 9 and 10 have been canceled.
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A polymer composition, wherein said composition has been extruded, comprising

(a) a polyester;

(b) at least one ultraviolet absorber in a concentration of 0.1 to 4 wt%; and

(c) at least one optical brightener in a concentration of 0.05 to 0.6 ~~greater than 0.0004~~ wt%, based on the total weight of the polyester composition;

wherein said polymer is comprised of no more than 5 weight percent of polymers which are other than polyesters;

wherein said composition is effective at screening of at least 85% of the light of wavelengths of 290-390 nm.

2. (original) The polymer composition of claim 1, wherein said composition exhibits a CIE b* value of no greater than 6.0 in a 50 micrometer thick film prepared from said composition.

3. (original) The composition of claim 1 where the ultraviolet absorber is selected from the group consisting of the benzophenone, benzotriazole, triazine, oxanilide, cyanoacrylate, malonate, formamidine and benzoxazinone classes

4. (original) The composition of claim 1 where the optical brightener is selected from the group consisting of the stilbene, coumarin, naphthalene and thiophene classes.

5. (original) The composition of claim 3 where the ultraviolet absorbers are selected from the benzophenone, benzotriazole and triazine classes.

6. (original) The composition of claim 4 where the brighteners contain a benzoxazole functionality.

7. (original) The composition of claim 6 where the brighteners are benzoxazolyl-stilbenes.

8. (original) The composition of claim 6 where at least one of the brighteners is 4,4'-bis(2-benzoxazolyl)stilbene.

9. (canceled)

10. (canceled)

11. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the ultraviolet light absorber is present in a concentration of 0.4 to 2 weight percent and the optical brightener is present in a concentration of 0.1 to 0.3 weight percent.

12. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the ultraviolet light absorber is present in a concentration of 0.01 to 0.8 weight percent and the optical brightener is present in a concentration of 0.005 to 0.08 weight percent.

13. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the ultraviolet light absorber is present in a concentration of 0.05 to 0.2 weight percent and the optical brightener is present in a concentration of 0.1 to 0.03 weight percent.

14. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the ultraviolet light absorber is present in a concentration of 0.001 to 0.08 weight percent and the optical brightener is present in a concentration of 0.0005 to 0.01 weight percent.

15. (original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the ultraviolet light absorber is present in a concentration of 0.004 to 0.04 weight percent and the optical brightener is present in a concentration of 0.0005 to 0.006 weight percent.

16. (original) The composition of claim 1, further comprising 0.2 to 15 weight percent of titanium dioxide having a mean particle size of less than or equal to 0.1 microns.

17. (original) A shaped or formed article comprising the polyester composition of claim 1.

18. (original) The article of claim 17, further comprising 0.2 to 15 weight percent of titanium dioxide having a mean particle size of less than or equal to 0.1 microns

19. (original) The article of claim 17, wherein the polyester composition is in the form of a film.

20. (original) The article of claim 17 wherein the polyester composition is in the form of a container.

21. (original) The article of claim 17, wherein the polyester composition is in the form of a flat or formed sheet.

22. (currently amended) A method for protecting a material susceptible to degradation via ultraviolet light, which comprises surrounding at least part of said

material with a polymer composition, wherein said composition has been extruded, comprising

(a) a polyester;

(b) at least one ultraviolet absorber in a concentration of 0.1 to 4 wt%; and

(c) at least one optical brightener in a concentration of 0.05 to 0.6~~greater than 0.0004~~ wt%, based on the total weight of the polyester composition;

wherein said polymer is comprised of no more than 5 weight percent of polymers which are other than polyesters;

wherein said composition is effective at screening of at least 85% of the light of wavelengths of 290-390 nm.

23. (original) The method of claim 22, wherein said composition exhibits a CIE b* value of no greater than 6.0 in a 50 micrometer thick film prepared from said composition.

24. (original) The method of claim 22, wherein the material is a foodstuff or beverage.